

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Working Together for Student Success

**TO:** Superintendents and Principals

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**RE:** Dual Enrolled Homeschool Students

In response to recent questions regarding dual enrolled homeschool students, the Office of Student Services has developed the following FAQ's:

- 1. **Q.** Does the <u>IHSSA Homeschool Eligibility Rule</u> mean that the school corporation must accept dual enrolled homeschool students?
  - **A**. It is a local decision to accept dual enrolled students.
- 2. **Q.** Does the homeschool student have to take ILEARN and other statewide-assessments if they are only enrolled in one course?
  - A. As per the requirements of IC 20-33-2-12, a student who attends a school that is nonpublic, non-accredited, and otherwise not approved by the state board (read: Homeschool) who also enrolls in a particular educational program or initiative with a public school (read: dual enrollment) must be offered the opportunity to participate in the state standardized assessments, but such participation is **not required**.
- 3. Q. Will the ILEARN or ISTEP+ 10 scores be part of accountability for our corporation?
  - **A.** The assessment scores would not be included in accountability for the corporation. If the
    - student does in fact take the assessment, the student would not show up on the accountability roster because the school should not be reporting on RT or AT.
- 4. Q. Can we count the dual enrolled homeschool student for ADM funding?
  - A. Yes. Students who are enrolled in both the corporation of legal settlement and a nonpublic school or homeschool and receive instructional services from the school corporation may be counted as a dual enrolled student for tuition support purposes using an average daily minute calculation.
- 5. **Q.** Can charter schools receive ADM funding for dual enrolled homeschool students? A. No.
- 6. **Q.** Do we report attendance for these students?
  - **A.** No, since the student will attend only a period or two per day, they will only be reported on the ME and not be reported in the school's cohort.